

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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SUBJ: PREPOSITIONING FOR MALI SIXTH REGION

REF A. ROME 17813 B. COTONOU 1991 (NOTAL) C. LOME 2901

1. REF A EXPRESSES DOUBTS AS TO ABILITY OF COTONOU PORT HANDLE INCREASED GRAIN SHIPMENTS FOR MALI SIXTH REGION. WE BELIEVE CONCLUSIONS SET FORTH IN THAT MESSAGE WERE REACHED WITHOUT BENEFIT OF THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS: A) THE RAILWAY FIRM (OCDN) SHOULD BE ABLE HANDLE THE PROJECTED SHIPMENTS TO MALI DESPITE LOSS OF ONE (NOT TWO) LOCOMOTIVES IN NOV ACCIDENT. ESTIMATED SHIPMENTS THROUGH COTONOU FROM ALL DONORS FOR 1975 NOW STAND AT ONE THIRD LAST YEAR'S LEVEL AND AT ABOUT HALF THE CAPACITY OF 8,000 MT/MONTH ESTIMATED BY LOCAL WFP REF SEE REF B. SINCE TOTAL GRAIN SHIPMENTS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE PORT OF COTONOU DURING NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS ARE PROJECTED AT SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW THE PORT'S CAPACITY, THE PORT OUGHT TO BE ABLE HANDLE THE GRAIN FOR MALI. B) NATIONALIZATION OF FORWARDING AGENTS/TRANSIT COMPANIES IS NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE MUCH, IF ANY, ADVERSE EFFECT ON FORWARDING FUNCTION, EXCEPT IN THE UN-

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LIKELY EVENT THAT EXPERIENCED DAHOMEANS ARE OUSTED. (SINCE

NATIONALIZATION MEASURES ANNOUNCED, COMPANIES HAVE BEEN OPERATING JUST AS BEFORE.) OUR MAIN FORWARDING AGENT IS DAHOMEAN DIR OF SACOTRA, WHO IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE NEW NATIONALIZED TRANSIT/FREIGHT FORWARDING OPERATION.

2. ON BALANCE WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE FEASIBLE TO RE-ROUTE UP TO 3,000 MT GAO SHIPMENTS VIA PORT OF COTONOU. WFP REP CONCURS.

3. WE ARE REPEATING REF B TO ROME FOR INFO.  
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